Mr. Justice Sathyanesan.

29. MR. J. T. MORAIS : Will the Government be pleased to state why Mr. Justice Sathyanesan has been reverted as a District Judge ?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI : The step was taken at his own special request and for personal and domestic reasons.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Tiruvella*): May I know from the honourable member the date of the request made by Mr. Satyanesan for reversion ?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I claim notice.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Satyanesan saw me more than once and told me that he wanted to be sent to Nagercoil. He said that although he realised that the request was unusual, it was because of consideration for the members of his family, that he was willing and anxious to go back to Nagercoil. I pointed out to him that it might be misconstrued; but he, nevertheless, stated that it was a matter of personal favour necessitated by the very difficult state of his family.

MR. P. O THOMAS: May I know whether the request was oral or written ?

MR. K. G KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Both oral and written.

PRESIDENT: Two letters to the Dewan and two conversations with the Dewan.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is it the policy of Government to accept such requests from service personnel ?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: It is a matter of discretion of Government, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is it conducive to the morale of the services to allow people of higher ranks to go back to subordinate ranks ?

PRESIDENT: But supposing he wants to go back ?

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will it be conducive to the morale of the services to allow such things ?

PRESIDENT: If members of the services want to draw lesser pay, I do not think it should be the policy of Government to refuse such requests.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether it is a fact that after he was sent to Nagercoil he was asked to investigate the cashew-nut troubles in Quilon ?

PRESIDENT: Yes, but the cashew-nut merchants said that they should have Mr. Satyanesan. Therefore, as a concession to labour, because both employers and labour wanted him, Mr. Satyanesan was requested to take it up. He then said that he could not go to Quilon but would conduct all the preliminary enquiries in Nagercoil and then have the enquiries at Quilon for a day or two.

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